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May 10, 2016

The Honorable David Gowan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Arizona State House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2568 (community facilities districts; formation; governance)

Dear Speaker Gowan:

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2568.

As you know, I'm a strong advocate for building our economy, and I know that growth and development are key to that success. I've been a champion for our business community and will continue to be. I also understand there are issues to be addressed with our community facilities districts.

However, I'm concerned that this bill does not provide needed protections for the taxpayer. These districts, like all of government, need to be accountable, and when the balance of power disproportionately favors any one side, homeowners and businesses are the ones who suffer.

In any future efforts on this issue, I encourage more emphasis on accountability and reforms that ensure protection for both businesses and taxpayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Douglas A. Ducey". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "D" and a cursive "y".

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Andy Biggs
The Honorable Michele Reagan